

THE VISIONING PROCESS

During 2000 – 2001 *Friends of Roosevelt Park (FRP)* instituted a visioning process for the greater Hampden Community. The purpose of the visioning process was to allow input from all stakeholders in the renovation of Roosevelt Park and the facilities contained therein. A total of five meetings were held over a nine-month period, to allow maximum access to the process. Attendance at each of these meetings exceeded one hundred.

Two meetings were held in conjunction with the regularly scheduled Hampden Community Council (HCC) meetings. These meetings were advertised through the “Hampden Happenings”. This is the bimonthly newsletter of the HCC, with a circulation of 5,000 copies per issue.

Two “Town Meetings” were hosted by *FRP*. These meetings were advertised through the “Roosevelt Park News”. This is the quarterly newsletter of the *FRP*, with a circulation of 2,000.

The final visioning meeting was hosted by the *FRP*. This meeting was unique in that the sole focus was on the youth of the neighborhood and their desire to construct a skate park. Over 125 young folks brainstormed for an hour and came to a consensus on the type, style and location for a skate park. They incorporated the need for parking, spectator areas, restrooms, and a small building to house equipment and beverages. They have since raised over \$3,000.00 toward the construction of a skatepark.

THE VISION

Listed below is the vision for Roosevelt Park and the facilities contained therein, both present and future, that our community deemed necessary.

POOL AREA

- Renovate existing bath house and concession stand.
- Expand the fenced in area.
- Expanded area will allow for construction of a kiddie pool. Parents will not be split between two ends of the park, as they are now.
- Create a picnic area with tables, grills, and pavilions within the fenced area. Potential for rental for birthday parties, family reunions, etc. SPCA has expressed a desire to partner with us in this area. The park and SPCA share a common fence in this area. SPCA has parking, but no outside pavilions. We have space for pavilions, but no parking.
- Partner with SPCA for both staff & user parking.
- Partner with SPCA to plant the southwest hill beyond the fences with anti-intruder plants – bayberry, wild roses, etc.

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PARK

- Bring back the carnival. Used to have a weeklong carnival, complete with Ferris wheel, proceeds benefited the Hampden Softball Association.
- Refurbish playing fields: 3 softball, 2 baseball, soccer, football, and volleyball court.
- Refurbish backstops, bleachers and dugouts.
- Refurbish walking path.
- Incorporate polymers in the dirt of all playing fields.
- Install stationary trash receptacles with removable bins.
- Install additional and refurbish existing drinking fountains.
- Relocate basketball court away from playground.
- Install 2 tennis courts.
- Install sign, with landscaping and lighting on corner of 36th. Street and Falls Road. Plant a large evergreen tree for use as a community Christmas tree.
- Install erosion control system along 3500 block of Poole Street.
- Erect a mulch bin for the urban garden.
- Replace dead and dying tress.
- Increase by at least 50% the number of deciduous trees in the park, using indigenous, and drought tolerant specimens.
- Extend the cherry tree alley along Falls Road.
- Create an area for dog walkers and dogs.
- Enclose the entire park with fencing. Fencing to be enhanced with landscaping. Do not want park to look like a prison.
- Create staff parking along existing driveway.
- All parking areas should be pervious surfaces or contain tree wells that collect the rainwater run off.

RECREATION CENTER

- New roof. Use new technology for solar roof. Sell electricity back to BG&E to generate funding for ongoing maintenance. This is an existing program at BG&E.
- Install a “gray” waste water system (not sewage). Water dispersed to a greenhouse facility. Greenhouse used to produce floral products (non-edible) for sale. Maryland Environmental Services (a state agency) ready to design, find funding, install & assist in training. Another source of ongoing funding for long term maintenance.
- Central air conditioning system through out, including gymnasium. Use a zoned system, with programmable thermostats.
- Up graded heating system through out. Use a zoned system with programmable thermostats.
- Install PA system.
- Repair drinking fountains.
- Repair PA system in gymnasium.
- Repair/replace scoreboard in gymnasium.
- Upgrade electrical service to the building. Tried to install a kiln for ceramics class, but lacked sufficient electrical service.
- NO wall to wall carpets anywhere.

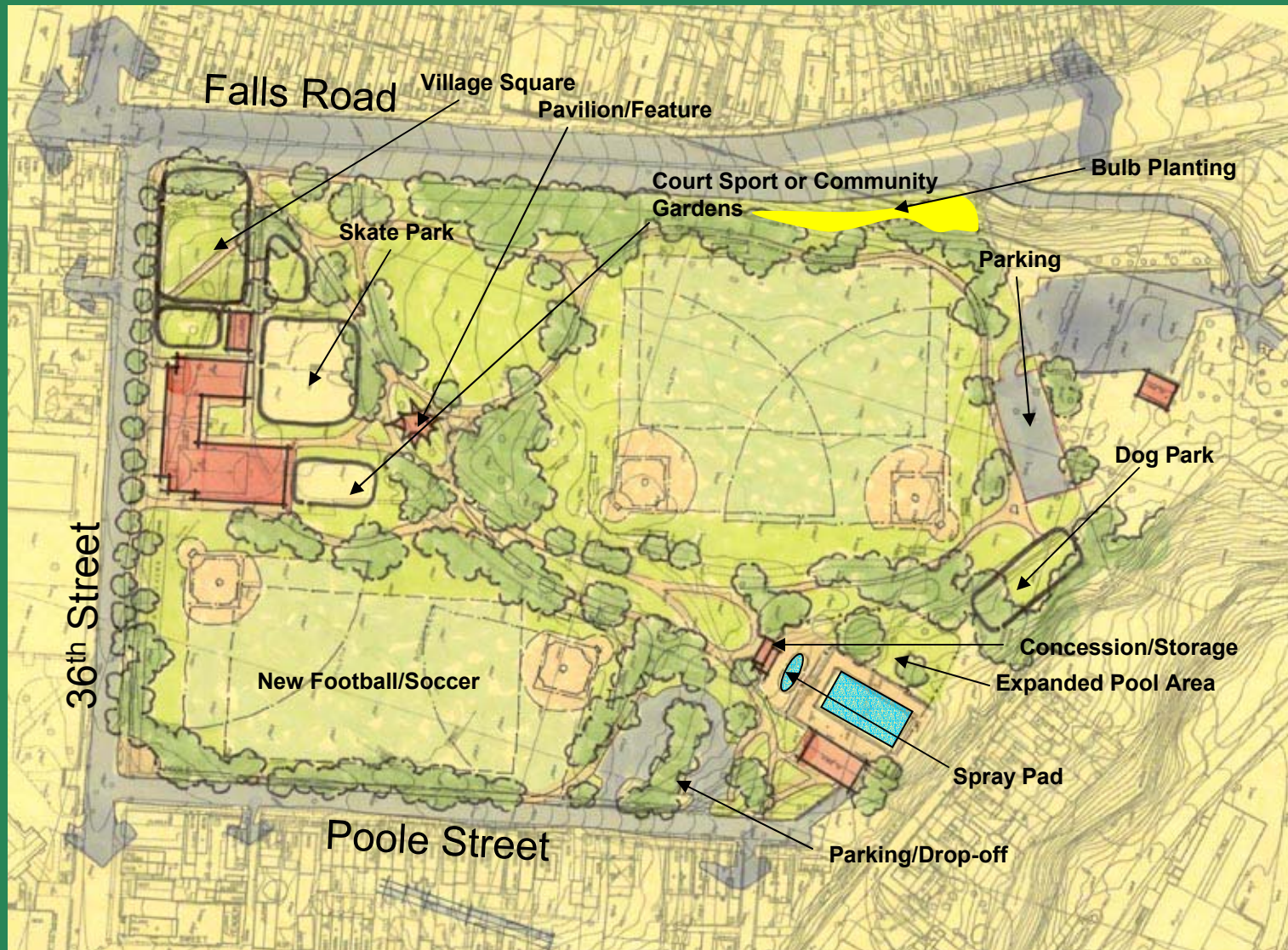
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- Use of “green” building materials through out.
- Auditorium needs sound system for presentations – speakers, plays, etc.
- Entry hall should be decorated with historic pictures of the bathhouse and reservoir.
- Entry should contain trophy cases for sports teams.
- Entry hall should have a receptionist area/counter.
- Computer room – upgrade computers, allow web access.
- Install 2 more phone lines – one for the fax machine and a second for incoming calls.
- Staff office needs to be enlarged. Install some storage areas for personal belongings.
- Create a work out suite. Include weight training room (move from basement), general exercise area with treadmills, stair climbers, stationary bikes, etc. Whirlpool tub, (a request by the Senior Citizens that was met with cheers) locker rooms with showers. Hire independent contractor to staff, provide equipment and operate.
- Enclose rear courtyard as one large multi-purpose room, with ability to subdivide with movable partitions. Create a loft of second story offices around perimeter of this large room. Each office should have a wall of windows facing into the common area for observation.
- A frost-free outside water source.
- Direct rainwater away from the foundation.
- Create an outside stage on rear of center, complete with electricity, for performances.
- Add a new wing for a Senior Center, including restrooms, kitchen and a separate entrance.
- Create a small office for *FRP*.

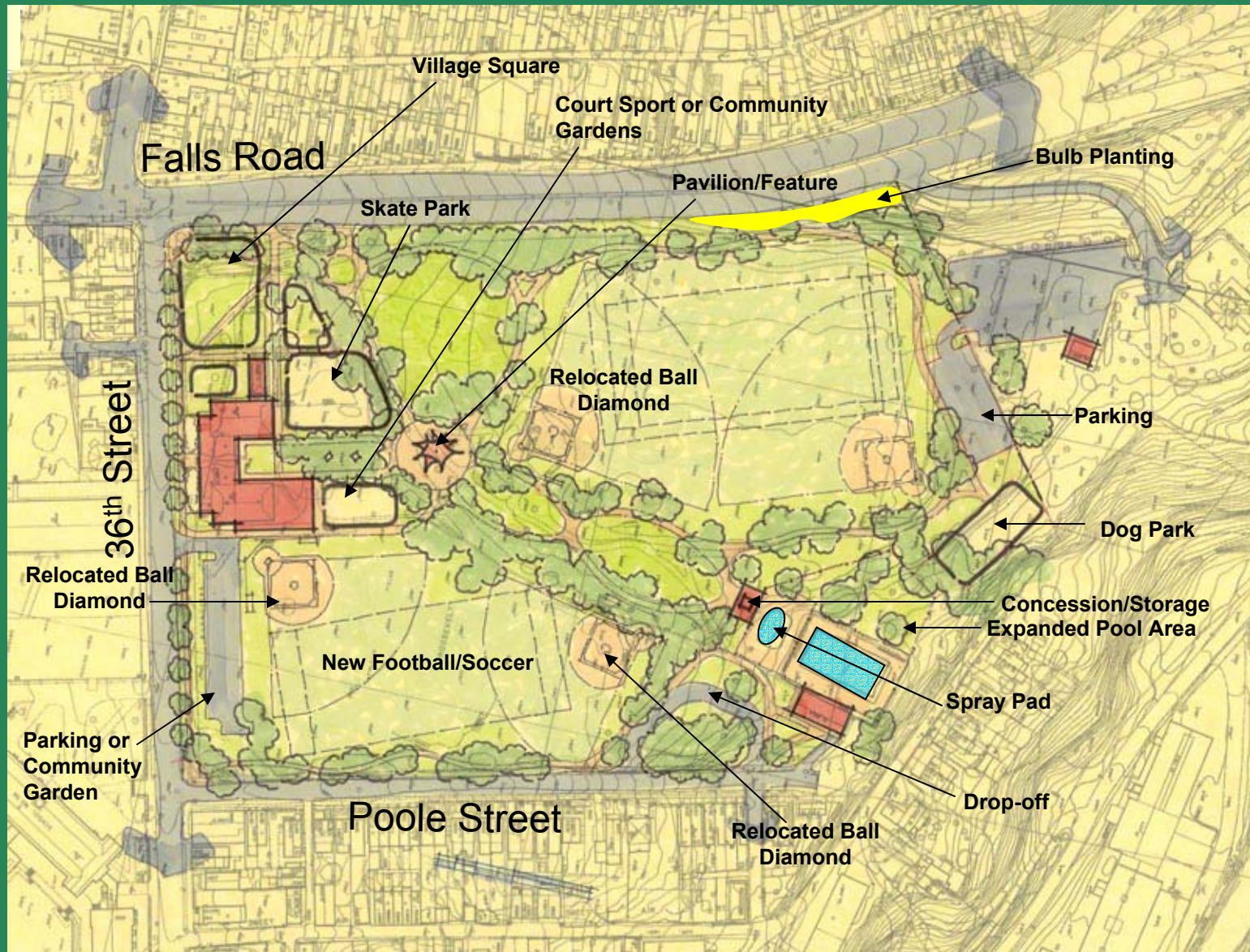
SKATE PARK

- Create a skate park on unused ball field on the north side of 1200 block of West 36th. Street – across the street from Roosevelt Park. Skate park to be constructed of concrete. For an example of style see www.co.lancaster.pa.us. Go to department of recreation and parks page.
- Install a parking lot where the condemned portable units now stand on north side of 1200 block West 36th. Street
- Between the proposed parking lot and Skate Park, construct a one-story masonry building to house equipment, restrooms, and beverage vending area.

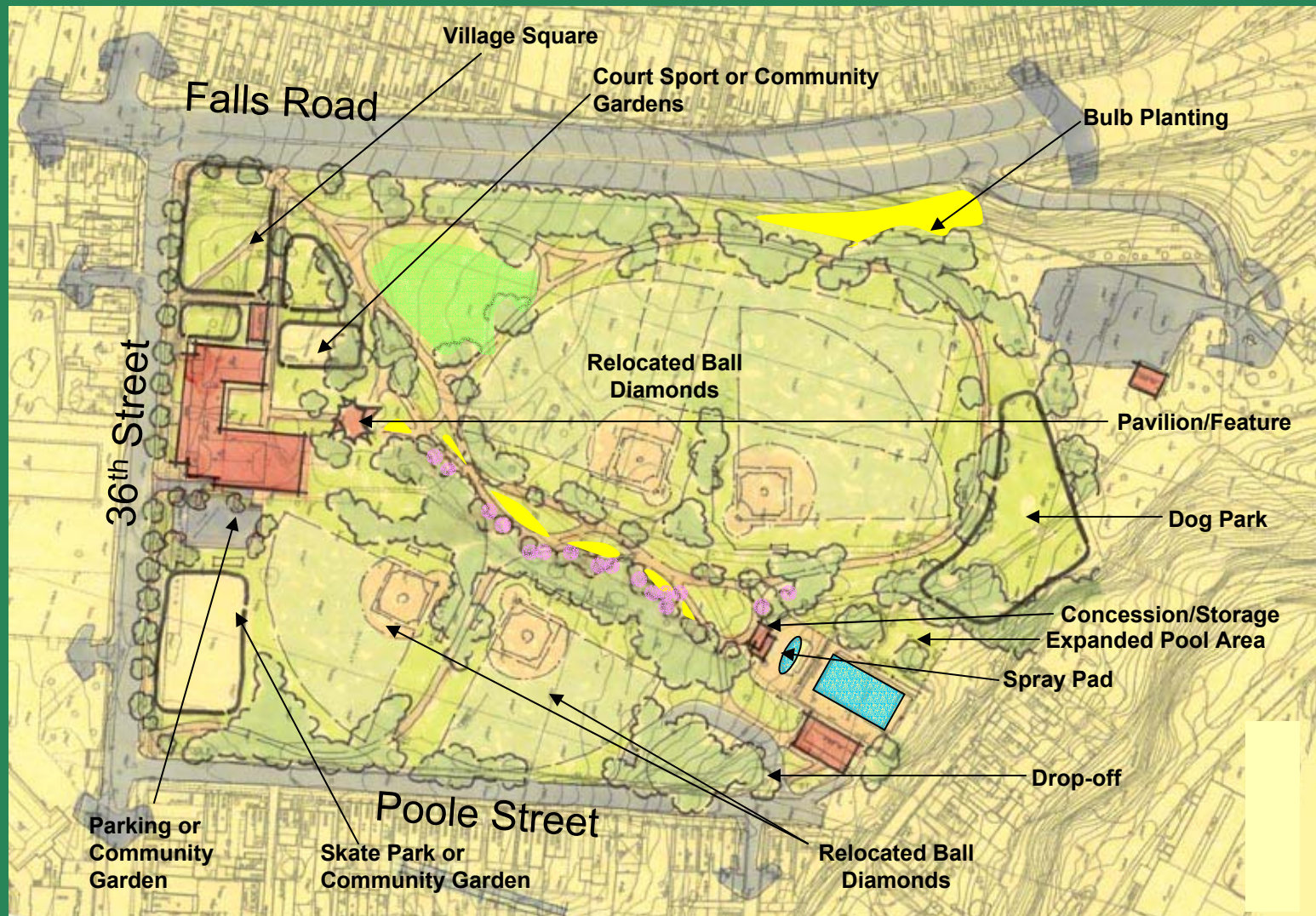
Concept I: Existing Field Layout



Concept II: Enhanced Field Layout



Concept III: Reorganized Field Layout



COST ESTIMATE WORKSHEET

Project: Roosevelt Park Area : Misc. Planting Area J

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ITEM						TOTAL			
KEY	DESCRIPTION	SIZE/COND	MA	QTY.	UNIT	\$/UNIT	UL	COST	COST
1	Trees (Not Included in Other Projects)			30	EA	400.00	1	400.00	\$ 12,000.00
2	Falls Road Embankment Planting (Spring Bulbs, 12" o.c)			12,000	SF	3.00	1	3.00	\$ 36,000.00
3	Gateway Sign Wall			1	LS	10,000.00	1	10000.00	\$ 10,000.00
4	Other Seasonal Planting			1	LS	10,000.00	1	10000.00	\$ 10,000.00
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					SUB TOTAL				\$ 68,000.00
CONTINGENCY 20%									\$ 13,600.00
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